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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
10 AT TACOMA

11 ELIJAH STROMAN,
12 Petitioner,
13 v.
14 ELDON VAIL,
15 Respondent.

Case No. C09-5458 FDB

ORDER DIRECTING
SERVICE AND RETURN,
§ 2254 PETITION

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17 (1) The clerk shall arrange for service by certified mail upon respondent and the
18 Attorney General for the State of Washington, copies of the petition, all documents in support
19 thereof. All costs of service shall be advanced by the United States. The Clerk shall assemble
20 the necessary documents to effect service. In addition, the Clerk shall send petitioner a copy of
21 this Order, along with a copy of the Court's General Order regarding pro se litigation.

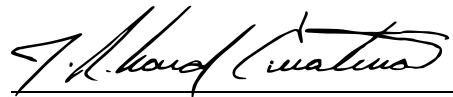
22 (2) Within forty-five (45) days after such service, respondent(s) shall file and serve
23 an answer in accordance with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing § 2254 Cases in United States
24 District Courts. As part of such answer, respondent(s) should state whether petitioner has
25 exhausted available state remedies, whether an evidentiary hearing is necessary, and whether
26 there is any issue of abuse or delay under Rule 9. Respondent shall not file a dispositive motion

1 in place of an answer without first showing cause as to why an answer is inadequate.

2 Respondent(s) shall file the answer with the Clerk of the Court and serve a copy of the answer
3 upon petitioner.

4 (3) The answer will be treated in accordance with Local Rule CR 7. Accordingly,
5 upon receipt of the answer the Clerk will note the matter for consideration on the fourth Friday
6 after the answer is filed, petitioner may file and serve a response not later than on the Monday
7 immediately preceding the Friday appointed for consideration of the matter, and respondent may
8 file and serve a reply brief not later than on the Thursday immediately preceding the Friday
9 designated for consideration of the matter.

10 DATED this 4th day of September, 2009.

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14 J. Richard Creatura
15 United States Magistrate Judge
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